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Detailed Action

- Response to the applicant's amendment dated 12/10/2009
- Claims 1-7 have been Cancelled
- Claims 8-13 have been submitted for examination
- Claims 8-11 and 13 have been rejected
- Claim 12 is objected to

Abstract

1. In view of the Applicant's amended abstract, filed on 12/10/2009, all objections to the abstract have been withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant should submit an argument under the heading "Remarks" pointing out disagreements with the examiner's contentions. Applicant must also discuss the references applied against the claims, explaining how the claims avoid the references or distinguish from them.
3. The Application cancelled claims 1-7 that have been examined and filed new claims 8-13 which comprises substantially the same limitations / features as in the cancelled claims. The Applicant did not argue or disagreed with the Examiner rejections. The Applicant just stated that the prior art (Nyholm): "does not disclose each of the features recited in new independent claim 8 / 13." see page

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5, lines 35/36. The Examiner does not know which specific limitation, if any, that Nyholm does not teach.

4. Rejections of new claims 8-11 and 13 follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 8-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nyholm US publication no. 2002/0006791 (Hereinafter Nyholm).
6. In regard to claim 8, Nyholm teaches:
- (new) A method of managing reconfigurable terminals within a radio network, the method comprising:
 - supplying the one or more agents to a network element within the radio network, the one or more agents being supplied to the network element via one or more respective agent providers;
(Figure 1, ref. (1) & (2) and sections [0003], [0004] & [0021] in Nyholm)
 - providing one or more agent platforms within the network element, the one or more agent platforms being provided for storing a respective agent, each agent platform allowing the respective agent provider to set up an agent having specific

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access rights, communication between respective agent platforms and agent providers being encrypted;

(Figure 2 and sections [0030] - [0033] in Nyholm)

- receiving, from one or more of the reconfigurable terminals, at the one or more agent platforms, information relating to at least one of fault incidents occurring in the one or more reconfigurable terminals and reconfiguration optimization information of the one or more reconfigurable terminals; and

(Figure 2 and sections [0030] - [0033] in Nyholm)

- processing, by the one or more agents, the information received at the one or more agent platforms in order to produce decision information and provided the decision information to at least one of the respective terminal, the respective agent provider, the network element, an operator of the network, and a manufacturer of the respective terminal.

(Figure 2 and sections [0030] - [0035] in Nyholm)

7. In regard to claim 9, Nyholm teaches:

- (new) The method of claim 8, wherein the network element transfers raw information about operational faults of the respective terminal to a respective agent of the terminal manufacturer and the agent, when requested by the agent provider, supplies decision information formed based on the raw information.

(Figure 2, ref. "malfunction report" and "probing parameters" in Nyholm)

8. In regard to claim 10, Nyholm teaches:

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- (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the decision information contains information about occurring infringements of at least one of a network protocol and a radio standard.

(Figure 2, ref. “rough evaluation of malfunction” & “detailed evaluation of malfunction” in Nyholm)

9. In regard to claim 11, Nyholm teaches:

- (new) The method of claim 8, wherein decisions about reconfiguration optimization are partially relocated by the network element to manufacturer-specific agents, which, using the information made available to them and manufacturer-specific data, accessible only to the device manufacturer, concerning the respective terminal, produce decision information for the network element.

(Sections [0036] – [0038] in Nyholm)

10. Claim 13 is rejected for the same reasons as per claim 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

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12. The dependent claim 12 of the present application teaches for example:

The method of claim 11, wherein the manufacturer-specific data includes energy consumption of the respective terminal in at least one of specific radio modes, the duration of reconfiguring, and precise characteristics of the respective terminal.

The foregoing limitations are not found in the prior art of record. Particularly, none of the prior arts of record teach nor fairly suggest the emphasized limitation as cited in the dependent claim 12 that comprise:

The method of claim 11, wherein the manufacturer-specific data includes energy consumption of the respective terminal in at least one of specific radio modes, the duration of reconfiguring, and precise characteristics of the respective terminal.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Rizk whose telephone number is (571) 272-8191. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2112